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**Thanks**

- .. To those who helped this week with EOTC and Interschool Athletics events.
- .. To those who supported this week's year 5 and 6 wetlands field study.
- .. To those who returned the Digital Tech Survey

**People of the week**

- .. our spelling bee participants
- .. those children who qualified for this, and next week's, Interschool Athletics competitions.
- .. home gardeners. Good luck for tomorrow!!
- .. Nyree for an amazing dragon story .. great language .. well done!
- .. Molly - Apologies for misprinting your name. Molly received a virtues certificate for Enthusiasm for Room 1 last week.

**Term Events**

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).  
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

2 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
3 December	School Athletics
10 December	Prize Giving (pp 15.12)
11 December	Reports issued
16 December	Final school day for 2014
2 February	First day of the 2015 school year

**Congratulations**

.. to the following year 8 children who were nominated by staff for this year's Citizenship Cup. A hugely difficult task as there were so many potential candidates for the short list. Children voted this week. The winner will be announced at prize giving.

Tegan	Tayla
Caleb	Caleb
Sarah	Oliver
Samuel	

**School Team Athletics Day - 3 December**

You might like to drop by Wednesday 3 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field and novelty events and culminate in competitive and social track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:20, lunch 12:20 to 1:00, prizegiving 2:40 (approx.) Please ensure children have their water bottle (named), sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear. **Thanks to Earle Tito Engineering and Heatpump Professionals ... who are sponsors of this year's Team Athletics Event.**

### Early Finish

Please note that school finishes at mid-day on the final day of school Tuesday 16 December. All buses will run approximately 3 hours early ... please allow some variation on drop off / pick up time due to unpredictable loadings. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at mid-day please.

### Lunchtime Athletics Competitions

We are nearing the end of these competitions. In the past we have allowed children, not present on the day of a specific event, where they feel they might have qualified, to attempt to beat this year's placings. If your child would like this opportunity please email the school office over the weekend and we will see what we can do.

### Art Exhibition

Parents are invited to drop by to the library to view the fantastic art portfolios submitted this week. These have been judged .. outcome at prizegiving.

### Prizegiving

Please pencil in 10 December for prizegiving (pp 15.12)... getting underway 7:00 PM. As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. **If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Donna a call next week.**

### Spelling Bee

Children who won class spelling bees participated this week in the school spelling bee competitions (junior competition next week). Congratulations to all of these children for their sterling performances. Winning students will receive their cups at prizegiving.

### Home Garden Judging - Saturday 29 November

**Please note that gardens will not be visited if the Consent to Visit Form has not been returned to school.**

A reminder ... Judging criteria for gardens are as follows ..



Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

To assist judges please ensure .. **that you have tied a balloon to your gatepost .. that your garden is well sign posted .. that dogs are tied up. Thank you.**

***A reminder to expect other students to drop around on the day if you have consented to this (a list was sent home yesterday, with all garden participants, advising which gardens could be visited). Please note that if you wish to visit a garden you will need to make contact yourself with the parents concerned as we are unable to give out contact details).***

### 2015 School Stationery

As for 2014, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz)



Search for Matarau School and then your child's class. You will find complete class stationery lists with unit prices. Again as for 2014, the school has passed on its reward points to families (who purchase online) , gaining you a further 10% cost advantage (possibly still the only school in NZ that does this). Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process. If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

### Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competitions

The Year 7 and 8 tournament is scheduled for 2 December at Kensington Park. A reminder that parents of qualifying children are required to transport and supervise their own children (or to arrange this). Please give us a call on Monday morning with any questions.

### School Contributions

... please forward payment as soon as possible, and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

### Leaving Books

Year 8 students received a book voucher last week to put towards a leaving book of their choice. Thank you (in anticipation) parents for assisting in the purchase of a suitable book. The vouchers are redeemable at most book stores. Books are to be returned to school by 1 December please to be officially presented at prizegiving.

### Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 AM Tuesday 9 December. This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2014. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips, Bible in schools .. whatever .. please join us if you can. **If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.**

### School Disco

The school council is organising a disco for Friday 5 December for children years 4 to 8. The disco will get underway at 7:00 and be over by 8:45. Please advise Kevin if you are available to help with supervision. Children will be asked to bring a plate and a \$2 coin to help cover the costs of the DJ. Something will be organised for junior children (likely) during school hours .. details to be advised.

### Matarau Whanau Picnic - Saturday 13th December

Any families wishing to celebrate the end of the school year are welcome to join us at Whangaumu Bay/Wellingtons Bay. It is also a great opportunity for new families to get to know one another. For further details of this event join Matarau Whanau Facebook Page.

### Classes for 2015

Class lists for 2015 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of Friday 12 December.

### Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day to place on their desk. Water is best.

### Wizard of Middle Earth Production DVD

Order are now due in. Cost will be \$16 per DVD. If you did not receive a form or have any queries please contact the office.

### Free Dental Visits

Reminder to take your children to the Kamo Community Dental Clinic for regular checkups. Ph 4304101 ext 7556 for an appointment.

Hopscotch For Kids- after school care - is seeking expressions of interest from Matarau School for Term 1 2015. They will meet and transport kids from Matarau school and back to their Kensington base. Afternoon tea and support with homework is provided. Children are accompanied to and from their chosen activity or (run activities from their Kensington base) until you are able to collect them before 5.45pm. For further information phone Wendy on 021733186 or Abbey on 0212372598 or email [hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz](mailto:hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz).

### Finally

How did the Vikings send secret messages?  
By norse code!

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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children, please support them





# School Fundraising Opportunity



## WE NEED MORE RECIPES FOR THE MATARAU COOKBOOK!

Our Cookbook is coming together nicely but **WE NEED MORE RECIPES!** Please send 1 or 2 of your favourite recipes (even a photo of the recipe will do!) to [cherrie.parker@gmail.com](mailto:cherrie.parker@gmail.com) by Wednesday 3rd December.

## Community Notices

**For Sale** – Eggs, \$5.00 per dozen or \$3 per ½ dozen. Ph or text Helen 02102328094

**Wanted** - Paddock Rocks - We are looking for paddock rocks for our gardens. We live in Matarau, but have one of the only properties without rocks! If anyone would like rocks removed from paddocks, give contact Renee Montgomery 0272595233 [hughrenee@hotmail.com](mailto:hughrenee@hotmail.com)

**"Baby Bag/Play Mat** - Grab 'n Go makes mums life a bit easier. Visit [www.grabngo.co.nz](http://www.grabngo.co.nz) and buy your Christmas Present now.

**Countdown to Christmas Concert** - Saturday 29th November the musical extravaganza "countdown to Christmas" is on at Forum North on 29 November at 1pm and 6pm. The show stars a few children from Matarau School so come along and show your support. Tickets are \$5 each. Please contact **Cherrie Parker on 027 437 1057** or see **Milly Parker in Room 6** for tickets, or they are available from the Kauri Shop at the Town Basin. The show is being put on by the Rising Starz Performing Arts Trust.

**Classical Guitar Concert** – Jamie Garrick, Winner NZ Aspiring Guitarist (2014), Sat 29 Nov, 6.30pm Old Library, 7 Rust Ave,

**Free Holiday Programme** - Register now for the opportunity of your child/ren to attend a FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME these coming holidays. *Proudly sponsored by the Ministry of Social Development.* One Week holiday programme - Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 1.00pm. 5 Different Weeks to choose from - Week 1 Dec 15th - 19th, Week 2 Jan 5th - 9th, Week 3 Jan 12th - 16th; Week 4 Jan 19th - 23th; Week 5 Jan 27th - 30th. Run from the Whangarei Intermediate School Hall. Children Aged 8 to 14 years old. Sports, Bootcamp, Arts and Crafts, Hip Hop Dancing, Whangarei Aquatic Centre.

**Costs: Everything FREE.** To register call 09-4596909 and leave your details on the answer phone; name, phone number and week you wish your child/ren to attend. Or email [info@hardcoredance.co.nz](mailto:info@hardcoredance.co.nz) **We will get back to you to confirm your registration.** Register now...limited spaces.

**Hurupaki Educare - Pre Christmas 2014 and January Holiday Programme 2015** - open pre Christmas from Thursday 18th to Wednesday 24th December 2014 and again on Monday 5th January 2015 for 4 weeks. 8.00am to 5.30pm, based in the Hurupaki School Hall. Activities include trips to ten pin bowling, movies x 2, trips to Reotahi and Whale Bay, along with other action packed days. OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance – conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. To view and download forms go to [www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](http://www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz) or contact Christin on 0274-821331 or [info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](mailto:info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz) for more information.

**All Stars-Kids in Action OSCAR school holiday programme** - December 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th; January Monday 12th -Friday 16th; January Monday 19th -Friday 23rd; January Tuesday 27th -Friday 30th, Raumanga (The Pulse) 8.00am-5.30pm, \$35.00per day, 5-14 years. For further information visit our website: [www.kidsinaction.co.nz](http://www.kidsinaction.co.nz) or contact Paul on 021951925. Spaces are limited.

**Ruatangata Playcentre Community Fun Day** - 23rd November. 11am - 2pm, Free Sausage Sizzle & Drink, Free Bouncy Castle, Free Bubbles, Free Face painting, Garage Sale. All families welcome, 1190 Pipiwai Road - (next to Community Hall)

**Pre-Schoolers - Playgroup** – every Tuesday 9.30-11.30, *Mainly Music* - every Thursday 10am-11am at Kaurihohore Church, Apotu Rd, Kauri (next to Kauri School).



Mrs Donaldson  
enjoying her abseil  
down Whangarei  
Falls this week

Xanthe performing a  
Falling Angel during  
her abseil

